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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL:OPI GENEVA

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1. WITH THE MOVE OF TONY CURNOW (NEW ZEALAND) TO HEAD UN GENEVA'S OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, HIS PREVIOUS POSITION OF CHIEF OF INFORMATION AT THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE) HAS FALLEN VACANT. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE CHANCES OF FILLING THE POSITION (CLASSIFIED AT THE P-4 LEVEL) WITH A QUALIFIED AMERICAN ARE GOOD IF WE MOVE QUICKLY. SINCE THE POSITION BELONGS TO OPI GENEVA THE DECISION WILL BE MADE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL AKATANI IN NEW YORK, WITH THE CONCURRANCE OF ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK AND CURNOW.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT USUN, THE DEPARTMENT CONCURRING EXPRESS THE USG'S FIRM HOPE THAT A QUALIFIED AMERICAN INDEED WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE POSITION.

3. WE HAVE THREE AMERICAN CANDIDATES: STEVE GALLUP, WHO HAS BEEN ON THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE-EXECUTIVE (SCE) COMMISSION THE PAST TWO YEARS AND HAS APPLIED FOR AN ECE
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POSITION; WILLIAM MAHONEY, A VETERAN RFE/RL NEWSMAN WHO AT ONE POINT WORKED IN GENEVA FOR SEVERAL YEARS; AND DAVID TINNIN, SENIOR WRITER ON ECONOMIC MATTERS FOR TIME MAGAZINE IN NEW YORK.

4. APPLICATIONS FROM GALLUP AND MAHONEY ARE ON FILE IN GENEVA. HOWEVER, REQUEST THAT IO/EX TELL GALLUP TO FOR-

WARD ASAP A NEW APPLICATION SPECIFICALLY TAILORED TO THE ECE VACANCY. TINNIN WAS IN TO SEE US ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO AND WAS TOLD TO CONTACT KEVIN CARROLL IN IO/E ABOUT APPLYING. WE ASSUME HE HAS DONE SO. IN ANY CASE, REQUEST THAT HE BE CONTACTED ABOUT THIS SPECIFIC JOB, MAKING SURE HOWEVER THAT HIS POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN GENEVA BE KEPT FROM HIS TIME ASSOCIATES.

5. STANOVNIK HAS INDICATED A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR GALLUP WHOM HE HAS COME TO KNOW THROUGH VARIOUS ECE PARTICIPATIONS AND FOR WHOM HE HAS A HIGH PERSONAL REGARD. GALLUP IS WELL KNOWN BOTH IN THE ECE AND THE MISSION.

6. CURNOW AND HIS CHIEF OF PRESS SECTION CHARLES GAULKIN (U.S.) HAVE INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR MAHONEY AND TINNIN AMONG THE AMERICAN CANDIDATES BECAUSE OF THEIR PRESS BACKGROUND. THE PAO KNOWS MAHONEY AND TINNIN AND HAS A HIGH REGARD FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE.

7. THE AM-BASSADOR BELIEVES STANOVNIK WILL BE AND SHOULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SELECTION AND THINKS THAT WE SHOULD SUPPORT HIS CHOICE AS THE BEST WAY OF HAVING AN AMERICAN APPOINTED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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